PINK BOLLWORM PROGRAM – WEEKLY REPORT 38 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COTTON GROWERS



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Pink Bollworm Activities

Palo Verde and Imperial Valleys:

Native pink bollworm catches remain very high in the Blythe/Palo Verde Valley area (12,944), the Imperial Valley (12,978), and in the "Highway Line" traps (2,562). Agricultural Pest Control Supervisor Jodi Brigman, and Agricultural Technician II John Nelson have collected bolls from four sites in the Blythe Palo Verde Valley area and from three sites in the Imperial Valley. Bolls from both Bt and conventional cotton varieties will be held in incubation boxes as part of the Bt Resistance Monitoring Program.

San Joaquin Valley:

Fifteen (15) native pink bollworm moths were trapped this week, up 36.4% from the 11 natives caught last week. There were three trapped in Kern County, six in Tulare County, and six in Kings County. This brings the season total to 84, compared to 60 last year at the same time. There is only one week of trapping remaining, as all traps will be pulled from the cotton fields next week.

Sacramento Valley:

The traps are in place in the four cotton-growing counties and will be serviced and removed during the week of October 17 through October 21.